

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Unsatisfactory  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 20. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Unsatisfactory	Below Average
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	37.6	52.5	49.8	47.1	46.9	56.0
• Passed 2 subtests	20.2	14.8	20.5	23.4	23.0	19.4
• Passed 1 subtest	16.0	17.6	17.1	16.0	17.3	14.2
• Passed no subtests	26.3	15.2	12.7	13.5	12.8	10.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	8.6%	7.2%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	8.6%	7.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	41.0%	39.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	74.3%	8.6%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	0.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	75.0%	9.0%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	67.9%	14.5%	
Female	79.4%	4.8%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	68.5%	5.2%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	85.5%	18.4%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	67.6%	4.7%	
Pay for lunch	83.3%	14.8%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	47.3%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	45.2%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,096	N/A	\$5,345	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	84.8%	Down from 89.1%	88.0%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.5 to 1	N/A	24.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,025)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	N/A	N/A	7.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	89.5%	Down from 94.7%	94.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	18.4%	Up from 6.6%	11.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=60)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.3 Days	Up from 6.8	8.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.3%	94.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.0%	Down from 48.8%	42.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	73.3%	Down from 78.0%	74.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	16.7%	Up from 0.0%	3.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.3%	Down from 85.6%	82.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,959	Up 2.2%	\$36,241	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	6.3%	Up from 4.4%	3.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.5%	N/A	54.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	6.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	88.8%	N/A	58.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	17.5%	Down from 17.7%	13.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	111	N/A	44	29
• Gifted and talented	5.1%	Down from 10.7%	2.2%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Up from 4.6%	11.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	5.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	463	N/A	316	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	39.4%	N/A	22.6%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Dillon High School has had an exceptionally good year considering that new additions and renovations to existing facilities were completed just prior to the opening of school. Also, our school began housing ninth graders for the first time this past year. With the inclusion of more than 400 additional students and more than 20 additional faculty and staff members, the students and staff responded well to the new environment. Our students exceeded academic achievement standards over the previous year. Several innovative programs were implemented during the school year and will be continued in the 2001-2002 school year. Among our accomplishments and innovative programs are the following:

Percentage of students meeting standard on the BSAP Exit Exam increased.

We were recipients of a state Character Education Grant that assisted our implementation of the first phase of our Character Education Program.

We established and trained 20 students and 4 faculty members to serve as peer mediators as we implemented the school's first Peer Mediation Program to prevent violent confrontations among students.

Our foreign language program adopted two elementary schools and taught Spanish or French to the elementary students.

Most of our athletic teams made it to the playoffs, and several made it to the second round or better in the State.

Our new state-of-the-art Media Center opened in the fall, providing the latest technological advances, including a Distance Learning Lab for 2-way telecommunication courses.

A.Derrick Weatherford, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	44.3	46.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	65.6	47.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	22.4	59.9	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,025 Students

### Principal

Mr. Derrick Weatherford 843-774-1230

### Superintendent

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### Board Chair

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Unsatisfactory



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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